

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of JAMES W. RODGERS and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,  
MARINE CORPS, Quantico, Va.

*Docket No. 97-2585; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued May 12, 1999*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,  
MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that he was entitled to a schedule award due to disfigurement of his left arm.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the June 13, 1997 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, finalized on that date, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.<sup>1</sup>

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 13, 1997 and September 25, 1996 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
May 12, 1999

David S. Gerson  
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

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<sup>1</sup> See *Robert S. Winchester*, 45 ECAB 135 (1993).